

VICTORIES IN THE GREAT EAST-INDIA WAR

Betrothed Couple Held In Death of Gay Gem Man

CITY IS READY FOR WALKOUT

Commissioners, Indifferent to Threats, Inform Men They Can Quit.

CONFERENCE THIS MORNING

Final Effort at Settlement Made. Formal Vote Will Start Strike Tonight.

With officers of the City Employees' Association predicting a strike of 2,400 per diem District employees, effective at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, District Commissioners Brownlow and Kutz, in a brief statement, today gave assurances to the public that operations of the water and sewer departments would under no circumstances cease or be interfered with.

TELL THEM TO GET OTHER JOBS.

This was the only statement forthcoming from the Commissioners today, following their decision late yesterday afternoon refusing an increase of pay to per diem employees above the rate granted on July 1, last. The Commissioners told the men to look elsewhere for jobs if they are dissatisfied with the District pay.

Department of Labor conciliators, who were the cause of the strike, were present for one week, were busy today in an effort to effect a last minute settlement of the wage controversy. They have little hope, however.

Joseph Hurley, president of the City Employees' Association, who declares emphatically his men will walkout tomorrow, was called to the Labor Department by Mahany, conciliator. Up until a late hour today results of the conference were unknown.

POSTPONED TWO WEEKS.

For two weeks the men have postponed strike action, with a view to having a settlement effected. Tonight's meeting of the City Employees' Association at 1606 M street northwest is the climax. Leaders declare a strike is inevitable.

Few of the per diem men work on Sunday, and the effects of a walkout cannot be seen until Monday. If the predictions of labor leaders are carried out, the city street cleaning department which collects garbage and trash and cleans the streets and the surface department will discontinue operations.

President Hurley has asserted that the sewer department will cease operations with a strike, and he has declared the operation of the water department will be interfered with as a result of a walkout.

However, the District Commissioners take an entirely different view. They, today, were not greatly concerned over the effect of a strike over these departments, as will be seen from the following statement:

"There is no danger that either the water department or sewer department operations would be suspended or interfered with."

Tonight's meeting is called for 8

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\$200 Will Be Price Average Woman Must Pay For Fall Wardrobe

NEW YORK, July 31.—Two hundred dollars will be necessary for the outer garment fall wardrobe of a woman of average means.

This figure was arrived at after conferences with various national women's wear organizations and a review of the shops where fall goods are on display.

Hats—to begin with the top—range from \$5 to \$500. That is those upon display. Salespeople whisper that bated breath that the vaults hold even greater treasures. But such are not for the common herd. All chapeaux under \$15 have no trace of chicness. The material is shoddy and the workmanship slovenly. But for \$15 the women of average income can obtain a hat that will look well anywhere.

STYLES UP TO THE MINUTE.

These are made of duvetyne or duvetyne combined with velvet or taffeta. Attractive embroideries or appliques adorn them and styles are as up to the minute as those of the latest imported models.

Sixty-five dollars seem to be the present price for which street wool dresses sell. Practically all of those employ the chemise or straight line and are brightened with lavish embroideries or bead trimmings. Velours, serge, gabardine, tricotine and velveteens are good. Models at this price employ good materials, style and workmanship. To be sure, little things are showing "simple little things" for several hundred dollars, but their only evident superiority over the sixty-five seems to be a label saying "original creation" or "imported model."

Separate skirts of all wool in fifty plaids, checks range from \$20 to \$25 just now. The sport tendency is noted in all of them. They are rather short and are pleated all the way round. Many of them are hung upon camisoles for the benefit of the popular slip-over, hang-below blouse. Dark street blouses of taffeta, satin or georgette come at no less than \$20 just at present if one obtains any value for the money. Surplice tri-cololette blouses are selling for about \$15.

Suits of velvetyne or Evora cloth, which seem to be the two leading pile fabrics of the season, hover between \$85 and \$100. Serge or tricotine may be bought for much less, but are not considered very "smart."

COATS TO BE HIGH.

A coat suitable for the average woman may be purchased for from \$125 to \$150. Such models are of splendid quality velvetyne, evora, peach bloom or duvet de laine, are full lined with best satin, trimmed with embroidery and cut on the modish dolman lines. However, if milady demands even the slightest trace of fur she must hand over at least 200 bucks.

For the woman who eschews a fabric coat for a fur coat, believing that the longer life of the latter makes for economy, there are models ranging from \$375 to \$1,500. Skunk, racoon, and muskrat come in wrap effects at the lower prices, and squirrel, beaver, Hudson seal, and caracul, cut on the long-sleeved dolman lines, come in the four figures.

Shoes may be bought for \$15, if milady is not so critical as to exact vamp of the hour, highness of heel and two-tone effects. Good street boots, low of heel, brown or black, can be bought for this price. Kid gloves hover about the \$3 mark, and the most ordinary of hose is the same price.

NEW YORK POLICE SEARCH FOR LEROY

Husband of Slain Woman Found in Trunk Said to Be In City.

DETROIT, Mich., July 31.—Development in the "trunk murder mystery," which was revealed a week ago when the body of Mrs. Katherine Jackson Leroy was found in a trunk in a New York express warehouse, went rager during the last twenty-four hours, and police are still casting about in efforts to locate Eugene Leroy, husband of the dead woman, who is believed to have slain her.

No reply has been received to repeated telegraphic requests to the police of Saltillo, Mex., where it was thought Leroy had been located on Wednesday.

The reports that Leroy had been seen in New York recently, were being investigated, and search was being made for the mysterious trunk shipped to Birmingham, Ala., which police believe may contain the vital organ removed from the body of the victim.

Leroy may now be in this city, according to a clue picked up today by the police.

Leroy was seen here last Friday, the day the English lady or the Italian Princess saw tomorrow's Sunday Evening Times.

OMAHA PAPERS RAISE SUNDAY EDITION PRICE

OMAHA, Neb., July 31.—Omaha's three daily newspapers, the Omaha Bee, World-Herald and Daily News, announce an advance in price of all Sunday and weekday editions.

Sunday papers will be sold at 10 cents and daily papers at 5 cents, compared with former prices of 5 cents for Sunday and 2 cents daily. The weekly price by carriers also will be advanced from 15 to 20 cents. The change in prices becomes effective tomorrow.

POLES BLAME FRANCE FOR DEFEAT BY "REDS"

BERLIN, July 31.—"Two French army corps could have saved Poland," it was admitted from Moscow today, when a telegram from Moscow today, and picked up here.

The Soviet government declares that the sole hope of the allies is that Germany will allow the transportation of allied troops across German soil to Poland.

ALBANIANS CAPTURE VALONA, PARIS HEARS

PARIS, July 31.—An unconfirmed report that the Albanians have captured Valona, including the Italian garrison, and that Italian warships in the Adriatic are not bombarding the city, was received by the foreign office today.

Who Will Win the Prince of Wales' Heart?—The English Lady or the Italian Princess? See tomorrow's Sunday Evening Times.

ITALY PROBING PONZI WEALTH

Get-Rich-Quick Promoter Will Have His Methods Examined By Embassy.

BOSTON, July 31.—Local officials were advised today that agents of the Italian embassy at Washington have taken a hand in the investigation of the activities of Charles Ponzi, who claims to have made \$20,000,000 for himself and his investors by manipulating the international reply coupons of Italy and other European countries.

Embassy officials are said to be as much in the dark as American authorities concerning the young money wizard's scheme.

STATE PLANS AUDIT.

Attorney General Allen stated this afternoon that he will immediately make an audit of the books of Charles Ponzi, "get-rich-quick" financier. The work will include operations of Ponzi not only in Boston, but in Lawrence, Framingham, New Bedford, Fall River, and in other communities.

This action follows a request for a State investigation by Governor Coolidge. District Attorney Pelletier agreed to have the State take charge of the audit, the results to be of joint use to the attorney general and the district attorney.

Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire, and Maine authorities may be asked to act to close Ponzi's offices in those States. It is estimated he has in all about thirty branches.

Declaring he had been slandered in the columns of a local financial paper Ponzi today said he had instructed his attorney to sue the proprietor of the publication for \$5,000,000. Ponzi hinted that he may be other libel suits filed.

ALL SEEMS LEGAL.

Speculators who have haunted Pi alley offering to take over Ponzi securities exchange certificates at sacrifice prices were disturbed today by the report that some of these certificates have been counterfeited and that sharpers go to unload the fake paper. There can be no unloading of the counterfeiters on Ponzi because no certificate is paid by the young money wizard until its history has been certified.

Upon arriving from his Lexington home by motor car today, Ponzi found the auditor from the district attorney's office still at work on books. Officials agree, however, that thus far the auditor has been unable to unearth anything illegal.

A line of about fifty persons waited at the Pi alley office today and were all a little delay in paying their bills.

MAY ACCEPT OFFER.

"I want my position clearly understood," said Ponzi. "I do not challenge or defy the State or Government officials. I have volunteered to assist in an examination of my books and will render any co-operation possible in assisting in obtaining speedy results."

"Does that mean, Mr. Ponzi, that you are prepared to divulge your methods of doing business?" he was asked.

"It means that what I propose to show is that my assets are in excess of my outstanding liabilities."

Ponzi issued the following statement today:

"As far as I can see, I will re-open business and resume my operations. I might accept an offer, made yesterday, of \$10,000,000 from a New York concern to turn over my interests to them. It is a very large concern with extensive connections in this country and abroad."

"An interview with a New York banker in regard to this offer was what prompted me yesterday to dodge my friends, the reporters."

"I am still of the same mind in regard to starting a bank which would pay 50 per cent of the profits to the depositors. Mr. Ponzi said: 'There is no doubt about it.'"

Ponzi paid out \$1,450,000 to depositors in three days this week, according to his own figures. On Tuesday he paid out \$750,000; Wednesday, \$500,000; Thursday, \$200,000, and today expected to pay less than \$200,000.

Clarence W. Barron, of the Boston News Bureau, said today: "The very fact that Ponzi claims to have first \$10,000,000, now \$14,000,000 of personal wealth, and his exhibit of \$1,500,000 on deposit in one trust company, with declarations that he has many millions more in this country, is absolute proof that the 200 million interest he has promised the depositors with his concern does not come wholly from international reply coupons."

Mystery of Lost Baby Coughlin and Why His Kidnapping Has No Parallel in Heartlessness—In Tomorrow's Sunday Evening Times.

JAPS SEE ECONOMIC WAR IN NEW U. S. SHIP LAW

OSAKA, Japan, July 31.—The American shipping law is practically a declaration of economic war on Japan, says a resolution adopted yesterday by the Osaka Chamber of Commerce. The Japanese measure sounds a note of economic imperialism, the resolution declares.

GRILL GIRL IN FATAL REVEL

Pretty Companion of Rich Rounder Tells Police He Attacked Her in His Rooms.

CHICAGO, July 31.—Samuel T. A. Loftis, famous Chicago diamond merchant and long a conspicuous figure in the city's night life, is dead today, and the police are trying to unravel the mysterious chain of circumstances that led up to his death.

HOLD MAN AND FIANCEE.

Roy M. Shayne, wealthy son of a former State street merchant, and his pretty fiancee, Ruth Wood, are held by the police until they can determine whether Loftis met his death from natural causes or was killed. Both were in the diamond merchant's luxurious apartment on the North side when he died.

A preliminary examination by the coroner showed Loftis died from concussion of the brain. There were contusions near the temples, but otherwise the body bore no marks of violence.

Miss Woods, being drunk of disfigurement, she told the police that the wealthy diamond merchant had been in her apartment early yesterday afternoon and became intoxicated and that she had to "fight" him all night.

Shayne was arrested at 8 o'clock last night. According to Shayne's story, Loftis himself admitted going to the apartment where he lived, and there were two empty whiskey bottles from Loftis' extensive private stock lying broken on the floor.

The police found the dining room set for a dinner for two. The dinner had not been served.

Shayne was at the apartment when the police arrived. He had called a doctor, who in turn had called the police. Miss Woods was taken at her mother's home at 2 a. m. A policeman was waiting for her when she arrived. She had several of Loftis' famous diamonds with her at the time.

SHAYNE'S STATEMENT.

"Loftis could hardly stand when I arrived at the apartment, said Shayne. "My fiancee was standing beside him, terribly pale. I had hardly stepped in when Loftis lay down and fell. His face hit the floor. I dragged him into the parlor. We applied smelling salts, but he didn't revive. I advised my fiancee to get away and told her that I would protect her name. He then called a doctor."

Although a widower, Loftis kept a fully appointed apartment. One room was fitted up exclusively with dainty feminine things. It had been his custom, the neighbors said, to give gay parties there.

In Loftis' clothing were found two letters from women, one signed "J. M. H." and the other "J. V." Both indicated the writers had been intimate with the diamond merchant and had been cast off by him.

DENIES HE IS RED LEADER.

General Ludendorff was reminded of recent German propaganda when he was asked to lead a "Nationalist-Farish" movement in Germany. He greeted this remark with a hearty laugh and then replied:

"Anyone who believes this has certainly given but little attention to what I have written and said on the subject. But I must keep away from all politics. I am a soldier. I only feel and care for Germany's future."

FATHER KILLS HIS SON MISTAKEN FOR THIEF

Frank E. Dimond Empties Shotgun When He Finds Man in Berry Patch.

CONCORD, N. H., July 31.—Frank E. Dimond, one of the most prominent residents of West Concord, and president of the West Farish Association, shot and killed his son Oliver, mistaking him for a berry thief.

Oliver, unknown to his father, was also watching the raspberry patch, received a load of buckshot in the abdomen and bled to death before medical aid could be secured.

On seeing a man emerge from the bushes with a weapon in hand, the elder Dimond fired. The dead man left a widow and three children.

No Frame Too Fine for "The Wild Flower Girl." Carl Link's Delightful Painting, Presented With Tomorrow's Sunday Evening Times.

RED TRADE MINISTER TO REACH ENGLAND MONDAY

LONDON, July 31.—M. Krassin, Bolshevik minister of trade and commerce, will arrive at Newcastle on Monday, it was officially announced today.

British government has requested Moscow to empower M. Krassin to conduct political as well as commercial negotiations so that he can take part in the proposed general peace party as Russia's representative.

BANDITS ARE DRIVEN FROM NICOMEDIAN; ALLIES KILL 200

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 31.—Allied troops have cleared the Nicomedian peninsula of Turkish hands, killing 200 bandits, said military dispatches to British headquarters today. The Nicomedian peninsula juts into the Sea of Marmara at Ismid, fifty miles south of Constantinople.

RUSS OFFICERS OPPOSE TRUCE

Polish Cabinet in All-Night Conference With Anglo-French Mission.

WARSAW, July 31.—The Polish cabinet and the Anglo-French mission were in conference throughout the night preparing measures to be taken in event the Russians refuse to sign the armistice protocol.

500-MILE FRONT AFLAME

Action of Moscow Government Discredited By Men in Field.

LONDON, July 31.—Although the Polish armistice envoys are reported to have crossed the Russo-Polish lines last night, and active negotiations for a truce were to begin this morning, official dispatches to the British government indicated that the Russian soviet troops were pressing their attacks with violence along the entire Polish frontier.

REDS AT BREST LITOVSK.

The advancing Russian army in Poland has reached the fortress of Brest Litovsk, said a Soviet war office communique wireless from Moscow today and picked up here.

The communique, which was dated Moscow, Saturday morning, shows that the Red army is rolling back the Poles despite the armistice.

"We have occupied Bialostok (110 miles northeast of Warsaw). In the direction of Bialsk (100 miles northeast of Warsaw) we have forced the Narva river after fierce fighting."

The Russians have occupied Przemysl (140 miles east of Warsaw). One energetic advance has carried our troops to Brest Litovsk.

In the direction of Kovel we have flung back the Poles from the Stokhod river."

ARMISTICE MAY FAIL.

The Polish armistice envoys left Warsaw late Friday for Baranovitch, and expected to meet the Soviet delegates between 8 and 9 o'clock for Warsaw and had, so it is believed, a dispatch from the Polish capital today.

Active armistice negotiations were to begin today, but some doubt has been cast on the outcome by reports that officers of the old Czarist regime in the Red army were refusing to obey orders from Moscow.

Members of the Polish armistice delegation expressed the hope when they left Warsaw that the soviet terms would be such that they could be accepted without lengthy negotiations, so that the news could be flashed to the world that fighting had at last come to an end on the battle front.

NEAR GERMAN FRONTIER.

A wireless dispatch, received here at 10 o'clock, reported that the Russians had re-opened their drive north of Warsaw and had seized Lomza. Lomza is only seventy-five miles northeast of the Polish capital, and but twenty miles from the German frontier.

If this is confirmed, this seizure will constitute a direct attack upon Polish territorial integrity. The Allies have already warned Soviet Russia of the serious consequences of invading the Polish territory inside the demarcation line.

Up to noon, the foreign office and the war office had received no official news of the opening of actual armistice negotiations between the Polish and the Russians.

Italy Joins Alliance. The action of the Russian high command in continuing assaults against the Polish line over a 500-mile front, despite the fact that the Soviet government at Moscow had officially agreed to a cessation of hostilities, is jeopardizing the proposed general peace conference of Russia and the Russian border states in London.

2,000 GUNS SEIZED BY HUNGARIANS AT FUERSTENFELD

VIENNA, July 31.—News was received here today that 800 Hungarians had crossed the Austrian frontier, near Fuerstenfeld, raiding a munitions depot and escaping with 2,000 rifles and machine guns.

The weapons, together with a large supply of ammunition, were loaded on motor trucks and carried into Hungary.

The Hungarian government is reported to be mobilizing all available troops.